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REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 2, 3, 6, 13, and 16. The only other changes to the claims are formal in nature.

The rejection of claims 1-16 is respectfully traversed on the grounds that U.S. Patent No. 6,288,753 (DeNicola) fails to disclose or suggest a real time learning system in which:

- a video platform is mounted in each of the teacher's and learner's computer to allow the teacher or learner to input **personal data** as well as **teaching and learning data** for transmission to a server;
- the server classifies the information and making it available for access by teacher or learner computers to enable the teacher or learner computers to find learners or teachers that meet **set conditions**; and
- the server supervises accumulated online time between the teacher's computer and the learner's computer in order to calculate charges.

Instead, the DeNicola patent is directed to an interactive videoconferencing multicast operation which utilizes a video production studio with a live instructor giving lectures to multiple participating students. DeNicola does not disclose a server that collects personal and teaching/learning data from teacher and learner computers in order to match the computers, or monitoring of connection time between the teacher and learner computers. To the contrary, DeNicola is concerned with broadcasting and there is no provision for matching of teachers to individual learners (*i.e.*, students), or any need to monitor connection time since the lectures have a fixed length and there is no provision for charging by the time unit.

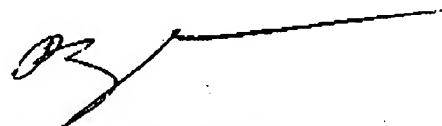
Because the DeNicola patent does not disclose the claimed data input by learner *and* teacher computers, searching the data to meet set criteria in order to match teachers and learners, or online time monitoring by a server, it is respectfully submitted that the DeNicola patent does not anticipate the claimed invention, and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-16 under 35 USC §102(b) is respectfully requested.

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Having thus overcome each of the rejections made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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